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## THE WORLD'S WONDERS ON DISPLAY

**St. Louis Working Night and Day to Be in Readiness For the Opening of the World's Fair on Saturday, April 30th Next.**

**T**HE first few thousand cars of the twenty thousand cars of exhibits that will arrive at the World's Fair in St. Louis within the next few weeks have been received and unloaded. Large forces of men are employed night and day in receiving and placing the valuable products from many nations of the world as they come in. Any one who has not been over the World's Fair grounds cannot, with the wildest stretch of his imagination, realize the magnitude of this latest and greatest of Universal Expositions. With its thousands of buildings spread over an area of two square miles, enclosed by six miles of fence, the great World's Fair glimmers in the sun, and is the centre of interest to all this part of the country.

The management has very considerably arranged many of the principal exhibit palaces in a compact group. While there are more than twenty-five buildings of considerable size given up to exhibit purposes, the very large buildings are some fifteen in number; eight of these, the Palace of Transportation, Machinery, Electricity, Varied Industries, Education, Manufactures, Mines and Metallurgy, Liberal Arts, are situated in the north-

palaces. Near by are the Government Fisheries building and sea coast defense guns. The Palace of Agriculture is the largest of the Fair. The several buildings in the central western part of the grounds, upon a high elevation. This building covers twenty acres of ground, the equivalent of a small farm, and contains many thousands of exhibits, not only from the States of the United States but from countries of the world. The Palace of Horticulture stands directly south of the Palace of Agriculture and is 400 by 800 feet.

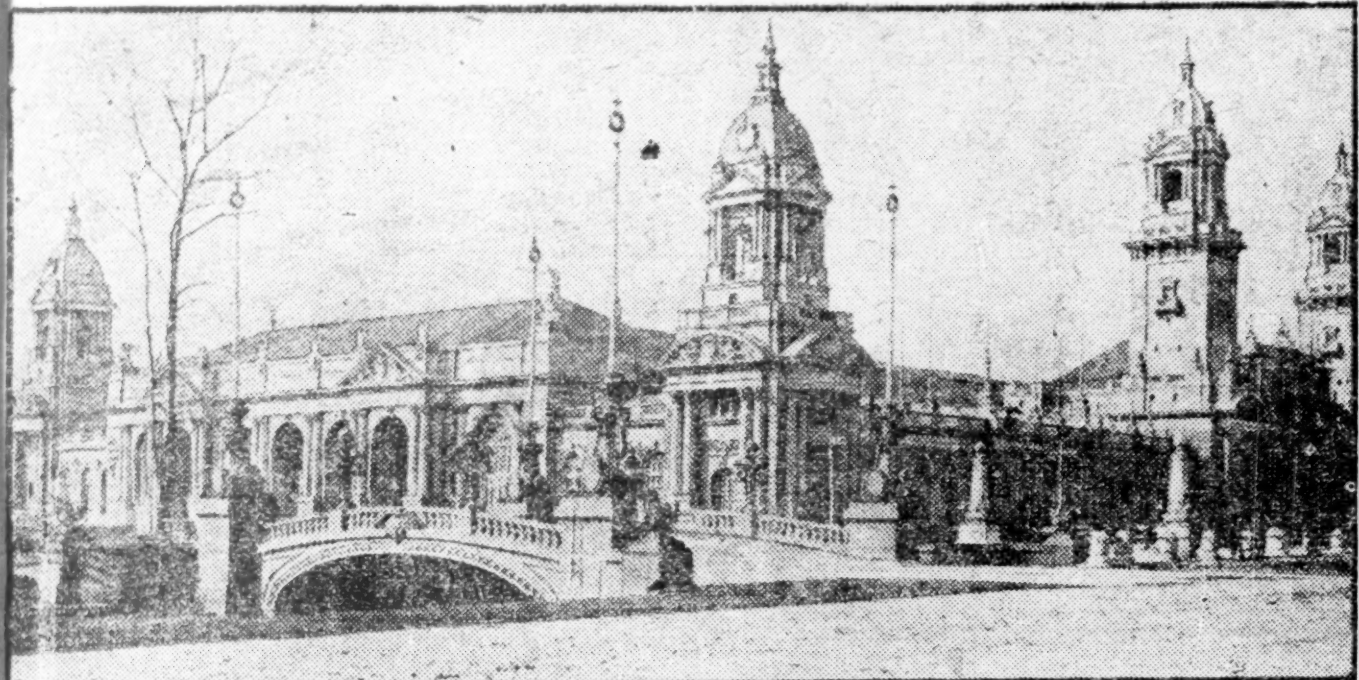
The Palace of Art, composed of four large pavilions, is one of the most interesting parts of the Fair. The several buildings contain a total of 135 galleries, filled with the priceless treasures of Europe and America, gathered with great care by discriminating committees. As an example of the care with which these selections were made, Italy may be taken as an example. Some four thousand paintings were offered, yet only four hundred could be selected. One of the four buildings of the Palace of Art is devoted entirely to statuary.

The Palace of Forestry, Fish and Game is in the western part of the grounds, covering four acres. The

physical culture exhibits is situated in the western part of the grounds, and adjacent to it is the fine large athletic field, with amphitheatre seating twenty-seven thousand people. Upon this field the games will take place during the summer.

In this hurried glance at the Exposition of 1904, we must not forget that very interesting quarter, known as the Pike. This is the amusement street of the Exposition. The visitor will certainly open his eyes in amazement when he sees the array of amusements spread out for his delectation. It is a long story in itself, to tell what has been prepared for his entertainment. The Pike is considerably more than a mile long, and upon either side are arranged about fifty elaborate and extremely novel shows. Some of them cover as many as ten or eleven acres each.

The World's Fair will open on Saturday, April 30, with fitting ceremonies. Upon that occasion an anthem written by Edmund Clarence Stedman will be sung by a chorus of six hundred voices. The music by the eminent composer, Professor John K. Paine, of Harvard University, as well as the poem, was written especially for this occasion upon the invitation of the Exposition. Frank Vander-



PALACE OF MACHINERY, WORLD'S FAIR, COVERS TEN ACRES.

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eastern part of the grounds. The main entrance to the centre of this group. As each building covers from eight to fifteen acres and contains several miles of aisles, lined on either side by most interesting exhibits, the visitor will see his time slipping away with a world of things yet remaining to be seen.

The Government has spent more on this Exposition than it has ever expended before. First, it gave \$5,000,000 to the general fund of the Exposition, upon consideration that the city of St. Louis would raise \$10,000,000. This of course was promptly done. Then, the government appropriated nearly a million and a half more for buildings and exhibits, and a few weeks ago decided to make a loan of \$4,000,000 to the Exposition in order to have the elaborate plans carried out to their completeness. The Government cannot lose much on this investment at St. Louis, for the reason that St. Louis returns in internal revenue taxes for the Eastern half of Missouri alone, over \$15,000,000 a year.

I wish I might describe the great beauty of the Government building. It is 800 feet long and stands on a broad terrace upon the hillside, overlooking the grand group of exhibit

new science of forestry has here a most interesting exemplification. In the central western part of the grounds are many of the Foreign Government Pavilions. Some fifty foreign nations are taking active part in the World's Fair, several of them spending more than a half-million dollars each. These are England, France, Germany, Brazil, Japan and China. Japan alone has brought seventy-eight thousand exhibits.

The displays from the Philippine Islands form a very attractive feature of the Exposition. There are some eighty thousand of these exhibits arranged in buildings upon a reservation of forty acres, lying west of the Palace of Agriculture.

About thirty acres are given up to an exhibit of the North American Indians, their industries and home life. A large space is devoted to the aerial course. Here will be held the series of airship trials and contests, upon which the Exposition has planned to expend \$200,000. Of this sum, \$100,000 is to be given as a grand prize to the aeronaut who will sail an airship in the quickest time over a fourteenth-mile course.

The quadrennial Olympic games are to be held at the World's Fair this year. A large building devoted to

stucken, director of the Cincinnati Orchestra, has written a march, and Henry K. Hadley, of New York, has written a waltz, also upon invitation of the Exposition, for its musical programs.

The central feature of the Exposition, or what is intended to be the most beautiful scene in the whole grand picture, is made up of Cascade Gardens, the Colonnade of States and the Hall of Festivals. The gardens with their cascades and statuary, and the elaborate architectural features, are nearly a half a mile from east to west and represent an expenditure of one million dollars. It is the most ambitious scheme of formal gardening ever undertaken at an Exposition, or elsewhere. The Festival Hall, 200 feet in diameter and 200 feet high, contains the largest organ in the world, and has a seating capacity for thirty-five hundred people.

Practically all St. Louis is preparing to accommodate World's Fair visitors. The private homes will be open for the reception of guests throughout the Exposition. The price will be from 50c. to \$1.50 per day for each person for rooms. Restaurants are so plentiful that meals may be had in almost any locality where the visitors may happen to stop.

### RUSSIA'S VICEROY.

Admiral Alexeiev a Master Mind, a Master Will and a Masterful Hand. Admiral E. I. Alexeiev, described by Senator Beveridge in his book, "The Russian Advance," as "a master mind, a master will, altogether a masterful man," is the subject of an informing article by Charles Johnston, in Harper's Weekly. Admiral Alexeiev has toiled for years at the building of a new region of Russian influence, a region nearly as large as the combined area of France and Germany, and with a fringe of possible future acquisitions many times greater, only to see the whole of his life work threatened with dissolution. "In this life work," says Mr. Johnston, "he has accomplished miracles almost, facing conditions of great and unexpected difficulty, amid surroundings alternately picturesque with the glamor of the East and squalid with intrigue and physical wretchedness. Through all these difficulties Admiral Alexeiev has acted with constant resolution, force, rapidity, and constructive power."

Youngest Cavalryman of Civil War. The death of Oscar Arion Frost, of Ottawa, brings out the claim for him that he was the youngest cavalryman killed in the Civil War. He went into the Third Missouri Cavalry at sixteen years of age, and served through the war. It cannot be claimed for Mr. Frost, though, that he was boyish in appearance. At the time of his death he was six feet tall and weighed 190 pounds. —Kansas City Journal.

### MUSIC AND ANIMALS.

The Puma is the Most Sensitive to the Influence of Melody. Some very curious experiments have recently been carried out in the German Zoological Gardens in order to ascertain the actual influence of music upon animals. The instrument was the violin and Herr Baker was the performer.

Of all the animals the puma was the most sensitive to the musical influence. His moods changed rapidly, according to the nature of the melody, the animal frequently becoming very excited and nervous. "Just like a Frenchman," as the report says.

Leopards were entirely unconcerned, but the lions appeared to be afraid, although their cubs wanted to dance when the music became livelier. The hyenas were very much terrified, but the monkeys were merely curious and the monkeys were merely curious.

The experiments are to be continued, and with a variety of instruments, in order to distinguish between the mental states which are actively produced by the music and those which are merely the result of an unusual experience. —Scientific American.

### N-RAYS AND DIGESTION.

This Process Causes Their Emission, as Does Muscular Activity. That the processes of digestion, as well as mental and muscular activity, seem to cause the emission of N-rays, is the conclusion reached by M. Lambert, in France, after a series of interesting experiments. He believes that these curious rays are produced by ferment, especially by those concerned in the digestion of albuminoid matter. In his experiments on digestion, says a writer in Harper's Weekly, M. Lambert placed a small quantity of fibrin in tubes containing in one case activated pancreatic juice, and in another artificial gastric juice made by mixing five per cent. solution of pepsin with a four per cent. solution of hydrochloric acid. From these tubes the N-rays were emitted, and were detected not only by producing increased luminousness of a phosphorescent screen, but also photographically, thus removing the subjective element from the experiment. As a result of these experiments, M. Lambert believes that in the course of digestion the fibrin undergoes strains which act to produce N-rays.

Prosperous Yucatan. Yucatan simply boils over with prosperity. Her railways are paying, her banks grow fat dividends, and her multi-millionaires are buying the best there is to be had, whether it be luxuries for the family or a first-class education abroad for their sons. —Mexican Herald.

A Macchiavellian Maxim. Whatever is the occasion of another's advancement is the cause of his own diminution. —From the Prince.

## WARFARE IS SLOW

Neither Russia Nor Japan Making An Effort to Fight

### NEWS SCARCE AND CONTRADICTORY

Russia Tries to Explain That She Has Sustained No Serious Losses Up to This Time.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The generally anticipated attack on Port Arthur did not occur, although a telegram received from Grand Duke Cyril reports that the enemy's ships were sighted on the horizon. It is presumed that the Japanese were warned of the extra precautions which had been taken to guard against a surprise.

There was no Easter merry-making at the front. By special dispensation the soldiers and sailors there were relieved of all religious exercises on account of the necessities of the military situation.

Vice Admiral Makaroff's torpedo flotilla patrolled the open sea, while the warships, with full steam up, remained outside Port Arthur.

Elsewhere throughout the theater of war all is reported quiet. A high military authority, in conversation with the Associated Press, explained why Gen. Kuropatkin's plan of campaign does not contemplate a heavy resistance to the Japanese advance at the Yalu, saying:

"Either defeat or victory in a battle there would be disadvantageous to us. If we lost we would have to fall back through a difficult country. If we won—and I say to you that Russian strategy is based on the idea of victory, and not on that of defeat—success would be fruitless. We could not follow it up without exposing the army to too great risks. On account of the Japanese control of the sea, if we pursued the enemy into the peninsula of Korea we would open both flanks to a possible attack in the rear. No, the Japanese must come on to a point in the interior which we have selected, where we can follow up a crushing defeat to the bitter end with blow after blow and seal the fate of the campaign."

"Our plans on sea and land will converge at a time next summer when Vice Admiral Makaroff's fleet will be relieved by the arrival of reinforcements. Then, if successful on land, we can clear the sea of the enemy, cut his communications, and the Japanese in Korea and Manchuria will then be at our mercy."

"The world must not be impatient. The struggle to this war is not yet finished. It is understood here that as the result of Gen. Kuropatkin's visit to New Chungwang, reinforcements of 100,000 men will be sent forward from Liao Yang."

Berlin, By Cable.—The Tagliabriglia war correspondent, Maj. Gaetke, writing on a train while nearing Herbin, March 19, said:

"Only six trains daily pass east on the railroad to Manchuria and only four thence to Harbin, but these consist of as many as 38 cars. The railroad apparently is able to meet the military demands."

The Japanese Fleet. London, By Cable.—A correspondent of the Times at Wei-Hai-Wei, cabling under Friday's date, says:

"The result of a week's cruise leads me to believe that the Japanese fleet is engaged covering arrangements for a new landing of the troops recently mobilized. A close blockade of Port Arthur is not maintained, presumably because of information regarding the state of the channel. Certainly up to the present no Japanese transports have entered the gulf of Pechi Li."

Mobilization of Black Sea Reserves. St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The mobilization of the Black Sea reserves is necessitated in order to fill gaps caused by drafting sailors to the far East. It is expected that a similar mobilization will come into effect in the Baltic provinces within a month.

An authoritative denial is given of the rumor of a Russian reverse on the Yalu. No official telegrams were received from the front today.

The steamer Sumiyo Maru called in at Chemulpo Friday to take on board 300 men belonging to the first division. The newspaper correspondents on board the Sumiyo Maru were not permitted to land and a correspondent who was here waiting to go forward with the Japanese troops was refused permission to embark on the steamer.

The Russian Plan. Paris, By Cable.—The Russian plan for retrieving the reverses at Port Arthur and Chemulpo has been communicated to one of the embassies through official channels having access to the highest naval authorities at St. Petersburg. The plan is explained as follows:

Russia recognizes that the Japanese now has preponderating naval strength in the far East. Therefore it is essential to reverse the present Japanese preponderance. This will be attempted by two distinct moves.

First, urgent efforts will be made to have a naval concentration at Port Arthur, the Baltic, Red Sea and Vladivostok fleets joining. Vice Admiral Makaroff's command, if possible, and thus giving the combined fleets preponderance over Vice Admiral Togo.

Second, it is foreseen that it will be difficult and probably impossible to effect this concentration, as Admiral Togo may intercept the Baltic fleet before its arrival at Port Arthur. In that

event the Baltic fleet, which is comparatively small, will attempt the perilous task of engaging the large Japanese fleet in the hope of disabling some of the Japanese ships and thus reducing the Japanese effectiveness. According to the Russian calculation the Baltic fleet may suffer annihilation in such an unequal combat, but it will have served a valuable end if it is able to cripple a sufficient number of Japanese ships to reduce Admiral Togo's naval strength below that of Admiral Makaroff. The foregoing information is no part of current speculative report, but credited from official sources. The authorities at Washington will receive similar information shortly.

## LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

### Down in Dixie.

Convicts made a desperate attempt to escape from the Missouri penitentiary.

Teachers in a Methodist college, near Tampa, were drowned by the overturning of a boat in a gale.

The new battleship Virginia was launched at Newport News in the presence of a crowd of 30,000.

In a lecture at Louisville Dr. W. M. Morrison, a Presbyterian missionary, declared King Leopold maintained an army of cannibals in Congo.

Bishop Wilson announced the appointment of ministers of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Alexandria.

Col. Marshall Green, one of the most widely known historians in the South, died at his home in Kentucky last Thursday.

Five persons, members of a pleasure party from the Methodist Florida College, at Sutherland, Fla., were drowned in the Gulf by the overturning of their boat.

### At The National Capital.

In the Senate Mr. Morgan (Dem., Ala.) spoke about the Panama canal concessions and some amendments were made to the Postoffice Appropriation bill.

The House passed the Military Academy Appropriation bill after listening to a political argument between Representatives DeArmond and Grosvenor.

The Senate finance committee adopted an amendment which will allow national banks to use Panama canal bonds as a basis of circulation.

The House committee on judiciary heard testimony against the alleged news print paper trust.

The Senate committee on education and labor resumed hearings for and against the eight-hour law.

In Washington it is felt the only jarring note in the growing popularity of Judge Parker for the Democratic nomination for President is ex-Senator Hill's advocacy of him.

The Cabinet decided that it necessary the property of the Panama Railroad Company will be protected against strikers by a force of marines.

Naval officers say the honor of the service is involved in the reports that "high authority" tries to influence the court of inquiry finding in the Missouri-Illinois collision.

### At The North.

Chicago last week elected Aldermen and decided the question of city ownership of street railways.

Mormons held a thanksgiving service at the annual conference in Salt Lake City.

Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, announces that he will not be a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Democratic State convention of Kansas elected uninstructed delegates to the national convention. The delegates-at-large are W. A. Harris, David Overmeyer, J. G. Johnson, S. I. Hise and J. N. Haymaker. The delegation, according to personal preference, will stand 6 for Hearst and 14 against him, it is said.

## BIG RALLY

Planned by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

With a view of obtaining the necessary information for the planning of the campaign for education, Mr. J. Y. Joyner, the State superintendent of public instruction is sending out the following circular letter:

"I enclose blanks asking information in regard to local taxation, consolidation of districts and improvement of school houses. The information is designed for use of the executive committee of the central campaign committee composed of State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, Chas. B. Aycock, Chas. B. McIver and Eugene C. Brooks, secretary. This committee will largely plan the campaign for education this year upon information furnished by you in these blanks."

"There are now 193 local tax districts in North Carolina, 149 of these have been added since the inauguration of the campaign two years ago. During the past two years at least 1,200 unnecessary small school districts have been consolidated into larger districts and 884 new school houses have been built, most of these houses have been built in accordance with plans sent out from the office, and are of far better character than school houses heretofore built. This indicates very commendable and encouraging progress along these three important lines of improvement."

"This progress is due in part to a cultivation of sentiment resulting from the agitation of public discussion in part to the intelligent and active efforts of country superintendents, school officials and public spirited citizens; in part to a quiet, earnest, deep-seated interest in public education among the people, and a daily growing determination on their part to give their children a better chance through better schools to get a better education. The outlook is hopeful, nothing can stop this education movement. Any relaxation of efforts, however, on the part of the friends of education, would result in retarding it. Campaign committee and the State superintendent are anxious to co-operate with you, your school officials and other interested citizens in carrying on the good work of better public schools."

"Arrangements have been made as heretofore to send speakers to all the local authorities in communities where there is a reasonable probability of securing local taxation, consolidation or improvement of public school houses and grounds."

The blanks sent out by the committee call for information on the following subjects:

1. Names of districts agitating the question of local tax, consolidation of districts and improvement of school houses and desiring the agitation of these questions.

2. Names of leading school committee men or other citizens in these districts actively interested in these questions.

3. Names of other districts where conditions are favorable for local taxation and consolidation, and where agitation of these questions would be advisable, and names of public spirited citizens actively engaged in these districts.

4. Comments on success or failure of local taxation, consolidation and improvement of school houses in the district in which these have been tried, and suggestions as to the best methods of securing these in the respective counties.

As soon as the information asked is obtained it will be laid before the executive committee and the campaign for the spring and summer will be arranged. The educational campaign will be so arranged as not to interfere in any way with the political campaign. Speakers will be sent as heretofore only to communities asking for them, or in which the conditions are favorable and the agitation is advisable.

This active campaign participated in by a number of the most thoughtful citizens and effective speakers of the State, and carried on each year through the aid of the Southern Educational Board under the direction of the local campaign committee named above, has been very helpful in arousing public sentiment and awakening general interest in public education and in the betterment of the public schools. It has proved one of the most effective agencies in the educational progress for the past two years. Of course the agitation of these questions relating to the improvement of the people is quietly going on all the year around in the various counties under the general direction and leadership of county superintendents and other officials. The State Superintendent has probably averaged not less than two educational addresses a week during the last two years, and has been compelled to decline as many invitations as he has accepted, showing the abiding interest of the people in this subject and the necessity for aid in meeting the demands for the discussion of educational questions. The stimulation, however, received from the help of a more active campaign, participated in by a number of speakers during the summer and fall, has given great momentum to the movement.

North State Items. In a fortnight four miles of the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound railway will be graded, this being the roughest part of the entire line.

President F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford Female Seminary, says work has begun on the new main building there to replace the one destroyed in January. He says it will be much larger and handsomer than the old building—better in every way—and is greatly pleased at the prospects of the school.

The House of Representatives passed 17 bills relating to the District of Columbia.

Five persons were suffocated in a fire at Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Three men were reported drowned by the overturning of a boat in Shark river, near Delmar, N. J.

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## COL. TURK IS DEAD

He Lived in Raleigh and Charlotte at Different Times

### DIED SUDDENLY OF PNEUMONIA

Colonel Turk Was a Man of Fine Sense and Infinite Humor—An Interesting Character.

Charlotte, Special.—The following telegram was received by Mr. P. L. McManus, superintendent of the Charlotte division of the Southern Railway, Saturday night: "Mr. W. A. Turk died Saturday afternoon about 6:45, of pneumonia, very sudden and very unexpected." The message was from Mr. S. H. Hardwick.

The people of North Carolina will regret to hear of the death of Col. Turk. He was well known in the State. For many years he lived in Charlotte, and was in every sense of the word a loyal Tar Heel.

Col. William A. Turk was born in Augusta county, Virginia, about 65 years ago. He came to Charlotte 30 years ago, and helped the late Dr. Carter Berkeley to work insurance. They went from here to Raleigh two years later. Mr. Turk continued in the insurance business until he occurred a position as clerk at the Yarrowborough House, there Col. A. B. Andrews discovered that he was a genius and took him into the railroad service. Later he returned to Charlotte and was assistant general passenger agent of the old Richmond & Danville Railroad. He remained here in that capacity for nearly a year and was then transferred to Washington and made general passenger agent of the Southern. Three years ago Col. Turk was promoted to the place of general traffic manager. He was a capable business man.

It was not as a railroad agent that the people of this section knew Mr. Turk, but as the great, big-hearted giant that he was. He had a tremendous body, fine intellect, a powerful brain and a keen sense of humor. He was the kind of man that the other fellow would look at when he came about or listen to when he talked. He could entertain any sort of an audience. He knew men—had a keen insight into human nature. The day was never so gloomy that Col. Turk did not have a joke, or a jest. He laughed with the world. Men amused him; he played with the best of them. He was tactful in dealing with people. He had splendid ability.

Sunday Row in New York. New York, Special.—In a feud fight here Sunday three brothers, Thomas William and Michael Gilbride, were seriously, if not fatally, stabbed, and Harry and John McShane, also brothers, were badly wounded. On Saturday a fight occurred between Harry McShane and Thomas Gilbride, and both were arrested. Sunday, meeting Gilbride and his two brothers on the street with several of their friends, McShane gathered about twenty of his friends in the back room of a saloon at the corner of First avenue and Twenty-third street. Then, according to the police, he approached Gilbride, professed regret over their trouble of the day before, and finally induced the Gilbride party to go with him to the saloon to drink and forget their differences. As soon as all were inside the saloon McShane is said to have given a sign on which his friends began the fight.

Tornado Strikes Texas. Calvert, Tex., Special.—A tornado struck the country five miles west of here Thursday afternoon, unroofing the residence of E. S. Peters, president of the Texas Cotton Growers' Association, and wrecking a number of tenant houses on his plantation. On the T. J. Garrett plantation great damage was done to crops, many houses destroyed and R. F. Drennan, the manager, was injured.

Severe Wind Storm. Natchez, Miss., Special.—Natchez was thrown into great excitement Thursday night by a severe wind storm which amounted almost to a tornado. The wind, accompanied by a terrific rain and hail storm, came from the northwest. Part of the city hall was unroofed. Several warehouses and a number of residences were shorn of their roofs. Fences were blown down and huge trees were torn up by the roots by the fierce wind. St. Mary's cathedral was damaged and hundreds of electric light wires are badly disarranged. Horsemen coming from the country districts after the storm has passed, report that the growing crops have been destroyed.

Democratic Chairman. Washington, Special.—Representative W. C. Cowherd, of Missouri, was elected chairman of the Democratic congressional committee without opposition tonight. About 30 members of the congressional committee were present at a meeting tonight in the minority room at the capitol. Mr. Cowherd was not present. The question of the election of a secretary caused considerable discussion.



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"LAWLESSNESS WALKED THE STATE LIKE A PESTILENCE."

GOVERNOR AYCOCK STATED IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS THAT UNDER, AND THEREFORE BY IMPLICATION IN CONSEQUENCE OF, FUSION RULE "LAWLESSNESS WALKED THE STATE LIKE A PESTILENCE, CRIME STALKED AHEAD AT NOON-DAY, SLEEP LAY DOWN WITH ALARM AND THE SOUND OF THE PISTOL WAS MORE FREQUENT THAN THE SONG OF THE MOCKING BIRD." HOW STANDS THE CASE TO-DAY GOVERNOR? HAVEN'T THE ACTS OF THREE RED SHIRT LEGISLATURES AND MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF YOUR OWN BENEFICENT RULE PASSED INTO HISTORY SINCE YOU PROCLAIMED THE FOREGOING? WHEN YOU ARE CAVORTING OVER THE STATE WHOOPING FOR EDUCATION AND ROADS DON'T YOU HEAR OF MORE CRIMES BEING COMMITTED IN NORTH CAROLINA THAN EVER BEFORE AND DO YOU CONTINUE TO ATTRIBUTE THESE TROUBLE TO FUSION RULE?

## SKELETON IN THE DEMOCRATIC CLOSET.

The following appeared in the Rocky Mount Record some days ago:

"Our esteemed contemporary, the Raleigh Morning Post, several days ago, quoting from an article of ours, in which we said there ought to have been a legislative investigation of the affairs of the A. & N. C. Railroad Company, and that proof, etc., had been offered of the conditions existing on that particular piece of the State's property, said this was 'news' indeed, and broadly intimating it had never heard of anything of the kind. The statement made in this paper in reference to the railroad matter was made on the authority of a former engineer of roadway of the A. & N. C. Railroad Company and who ought to have known what he was talking about. This individual made a detailed statement of the condition of affairs as he saw and knew of them, and sent it to Raleigh during the last session of the Legislature. By some means this communication came into the hands of the legislative committee composed of Messrs. Ricks, of Nash, White of Halifax, Daughtridge, of Edgecombe, from the House, and Gill, Gilliam, Travis and Stubbs, from the Senate. This paper was turned over to the Governor and since that time to the present nothing has ever been heard of it. No effort was made to conceal anything by the writer, and he then and now says he is willing to aid in any investigation that may be put on foot to establish the truth of his charges. Ought not the matter to have been investigated and the truth or falsity of the charges established when made by such a one in such a position to know or not to know?"

To which the last issue of the Record adds the following:

"In writing about the A. & N. C. R. R. in these columns last week we stated that the communication concerning the condition of the railroad property came into the hands of a 'legislative committee composed of Messrs. Ricks, Daughtridge, Gill, Gilliam, Travis, White and Stubbs.' What we should have said was, that a letter was written each of these gentlemen containing the information about the road and the same was handed by them to the Governor as the one having such matters in charge."

Now, why were these charges not investigated by the Governor and the members of the last Legislature to whom the letters were addressed? It looks as though they were afraid of an investigation.

This recent news seems to explain to some extent, why the Governor and his Kitchen Cabinet (Josephus Daniels) wanted the McBee and Finch "conspiracy" proceedings hushed up. They knew if the "conspiracy" proceedings went into Court that the condition and management of the A. & N. C. Railroad would be aired to the public, and the result would be to give the democratic machine in this State a black eye.

With thirty five "local attorneys," "soliciting" freight agents, and other high salaried officials, with scores and scores of free passes and free board at the Atlantic Hotel, we are surprised that the old road has borne up under the oppression of democratic "good government" this long.

# WILLIAMS' WHISKY--THAT'S ALL.

Some of the democratic leaders who have been trying to capture the temperance forces in North Carolina have told the prohibitionists that the only way to get temperance in the State is through the democratic party. Have the temperance forces stopped to think that a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee, Williams, operates a big "Hell Kettle" in Yadkin county, and that the town of Williams was incorporated by the last Legislature so that Williams could continue to make whiskey at the same old stand under the Watt's Law. (We use the term "Hell Kettle" with apologies to the News & Observer). But possibly the News & Observer thinks that it is no harm for Williams to make Whiskey (democratic whiskey) as it stated some time ago that Williams' whiskey was the "whiskey without a head-ache" and we believe it also stated that it was so good that on one occasion a deacon of a church would not let a barrel of it be destroyed. If the temperance forces are depending upon the democratic machine for prohibition in this State they are leaning on a broken stick. If you want democratic dispensaries with democratic benches to run them, then the democratic party is alright.

When the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad is leased, the Durham Herald wants it understood that all who have helped to make it a success, are to hold their jobs.

The question is, who has helped to make it a success--not the President of the road who has wine and dined his friends at the Atlantic Hotel at the expense of the State and private stockholders, not the Governor and his "Kitchen Cabinet" who have refused to lease the road, notwithstanding it was running in debt, not the 35 "local attorneys" who "tote" free passes, not the numerous "soliciting" freight agents, not the News and Observer's Business Manager, (who is one of the directors). Then who does the Durham Herald want to hold their jobs? Surely not any of the crowd we have named above. The road paid a good dividend under fusion management, but it has run in debt under democratic management. Do you see the difference?

## IF YOU ARE TIRED.

If you are a democrat, if you are tired of high taxes, if you are tired of ring rule and bossism, if you are tired of red shirts, if you are tired of bond issues, if you are tired of special taxes, if you are tired of the deficiency in the State's Treasury, if you are tired of rotten-egg and mud slingers, if you are tired of ballot-box stuffers, if you are tired of criminals being pardoned, if you are tired of the great increase in crimes in this State, if you are tired of the A. & N. C. scandal, if you are tired of the "Kitchen Cabinet"--if you are tired of all these, then vote against the democratic machine this fall which will be a sure cure for that tired feeling.

Some days ago the Governor appointed three men to make an investigation as to the charges of mismanagement, corruption and favoritism made against the State's management of the A. & N. C. Railroad. All three of these men are machine democrats, and the Governor has been severely criticised for appointing men to investigate charges against their own crowd. It does seem that at least one of the committee should have represented the private stockholders, and another to represent the uninterested. The News and Observer has tried hard to muddy the waters, but the people will demand a fair and impartial investigation.

There is smallpox in several counties in the State. Though everywhere it seems to be under very good control. A Durham patient got even with his doctor some days. The doctor had treated him for the dreaded disease without catching it himself. After the man was about well the doctor collected his bill and caught the smallpox from the money paid him, and he is still seriously ill. This seems to prove a certain Congressman's theory that there are certain microbes in paper money.

The Asheville Register takes this view of the result of democratic rule in North Carolina:

"It pays democrats to hold office in North Carolina, but it is hard on the taxpayers."

Capt. McBee, who was temporary Receiver of the A. & N. C. Railroad, told a correspondent of the Charleston News and Courier that if the investigation now being made of the affairs of the road is not whitewashed, some of Governor Aycock's closest political friends will be caught with a sheep on their backs, and the Governor found picking wool out of his teeth.

These are serious charges, but we suppose Capt. McBee knows whereof he speaks.

The News and Observer says stock in the A. & N. C. Railroad has increased from \$20 to \$50 a share under democratic management. Yes, but the stock did not increase in value until a Receiver for the road was appointed and the people saw there was hope of getting the road from under the proctorate (?) of the Kitchen Cabinet, (Josephus Daniels) and his Business Manager.

The investigating committee at Newbern has given out the information that they can not give out any information until their report has been proof-read by the Governor.

We trust it will not share the same fate as the report made by a former engineer of the road that was sent to the Governor and legislative committee during the last Legislature.

The editor of the Yellow Jacket sees trouble ahead in Kentucky, as the following clipping from that paper will show:

"A man in Kentucky is the proud father of quadruplets--all boys--and he has named them Grover Cleveland, Mark Hanna, Theodore Roosevelt and William Bryan. We see in these names the beginning of the worst family feud in the history of Kentucky."

Grover Cleveland has at last denied that he invited Fred Douglas to his wedding reception. Isn't it now in order for Hon. Francis D. Winston to deny that he wrote Geo. White, (col.), stating it would be a pleasure to ride the district with him.

There remains only two more weeks in which you can pay your poll-tax and save your vote.

If you are a voter and are liable for a poll-tax for 1903, pay it at once. A law passed by the last democratic Legislature says you must pay your poll-tax before May 1st, or you can not vote.

"If Judge Parker should fail to carry New York on the 18th, what then?"--News and Observer.

That's easy. Why, like the rest of the "me too" democratic papers it would then be for the man who did carry New York, and would be ready to declare he was its choice from the beginning.

## CAPT. MCBEE TALKS.

Will We Have a Wool Gathering. The following is a part of an interview with Capt. McBee, in regard to the A. & N. C. R. R., that appeared in the Charleston News & Courier a few days ago:

"An effort was made to get Gov. Aycock, as the representative of the State's interests, to consent to a lease. To this he at first acquiesced, but ultimately backed out. Then it was that Finch, who was one of the largest private stockholders, decided to make the application for the appointment of a receiver, after having the promise of several others interested to join with him. Judge Purnell, of the Federal Court, heard the petition and appointed me the receiver of the property."

"Then it was that the warrant was issued for my arrest by the State authorities. I refused to relinquish the management of the road unless ordered to do so by the Federal Court, but Finch's attorney, in his absence, consented to withdraw the receivership proceedings and I was left stranded of course."

"By the short life of the receivership it appears that Capt. McBee unearthed a terribly festering sore of official corruption, and he says, if the investigation which is now being made of the affairs of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad is not whitewashed some of Governor Aycock's closest political friends will be caught with a sheep on their backs, and the Governor found picking wool out of his teeth, and he (Capt. McBee) does not fear in the slightest any criminal attacks they can make against him or his alleged conspirators."

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# That Investigating Committee.

Raleigh, N. C., April 13, 1904. The committee to view the remains of the A. & N. C. R. R. alias investigating committee, could not wait long in Newbern to the R. R. Headquarters; but must take a special train to Morehead to see if the hotel was still on hand. Perhaps it was, for the time being anyhow.

Some people imagine it strange that if an impartial investigation was contemplated the Governor should not have appointed one of two Republicans, and representatives of private stock, on the committee. However I do not myself waste any thought in such imagination.

It appears that only those on the inside edge are competent to investigate impartially and unanimously; hence some of the members of the Board of Internal Improvement (Ballard and Beckwith) are on the committee to investigate themselves.

This Board if equally responsible with the officers of the Railroad for the management of it and the cook-house at Morehead.

If as a result if the investigation the property can be got out of the hands of a gang of political hacks, a great good will have been accomplished; sufficient to disenfranchise the stick that has been stirred up.

Should the property be leased, the lessee need not be so honest, as so financially trustworthy. If Tom or Dick claims solvency to the extent of ten thousand in money and twenty thousand in character; it is ridiculous to think of giving them control of property worth two million dollars in money and little in character.

The property ought to be sold. The State ought not to engage in partnership with private persons in industrial enterprises. Should the property be sold or leased to some large R. R. Company there would be greater chance for the stock to convalesce; and our Governors would have more leisure to manage the affairs of State. But if secretly bargained to a representative of some still more puny railroad, which is itself already in the short throes or else barely begun to get vitality enough to build a mile of track; mullets will have to walk to Raleigh.

Then if to lease, why not put it up in open market to the highest bidder, white man like, and "let er go gallagher" at the last bid.

What on earth is the necessity for so much secrecy about the concern anyhow. Who is a candidate for Congress down the line? Is anybody scared.

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